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## **Thank you letters**

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### **Special Olympics tag-day fund-raiser successful**

#### **To the editor:**

On May 5-6, we held our annual tag-day fund-raiser. I would like to express my thanks to all the volunteers who volunteered their time for our fund-raiser. It was a success, and it couldn't have been done without everyone's help. I would also like to thank the Midland community for their generous support. The money raised will help with our track and field and softball expenses.

A special thanks to Farmer Jacks, K-Mart, Krogers, Sanford IGA, Walgreens, and Walmart for letting us stand outside their stores and sell our bookmarks. We certainly appreciate their support.

MARY ADAMS

AREA DIRECTOR

Midland

### **Fifties were fabulous**

#### **To the editor:**

The Adams Elementary Carnival Committee would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who helped make Carnival 2005 Fabulous Fifties a spectacular success. First and foremost, we must thank our outstanding Adams' families. Without your support, donations, volunteerism and fabulous attendance, we would not be able to host such a successful event. Adams School is blessed to have this continual internal support.

Adams Elementary is also extremely fortunate to have the support of the Tri-City community. We would like to thank the following local businesses for their support and donations: Papa Johns of Midland, Roly Poly Sandwiches of Midland, Michigan Sugar, Hayes Specialty of Saginaw, Great Lakes Ice Cream, Coca-Cola of Bay City, Owens Airport Party Store, Made Rite Chips of Bay City, Midland Fundraising, LaLonde's Markets, Michigan Air Gas, Hang Times, The Gift Basket Connection, and Fisher Contracting Company. These generous companies sponsored our carnival by providing donations of food, beverages, ice, services, supplies and silent auction items.

In addition, we could not forget all of the teachers, staff and student service organizations which have helped again with this year's school carnival. A special thank you goes out to all of the teachers who donated their time to send notes home, collecting (and giving) donations, and volunteering the day of carnival. We also offer special thanks to the office staff, Mrs. Bush, Mrs. Cooper, and others, who assisted on a daily basis with the carnival preparations. Thank you also to Mr. Macek, for your continued support and enthusiasm for Adams School. To the Midland High Key Club and Adams School Student Council, we cannot extend enough thanks for the volunteer hours you provided before and during the carnival, without your help, we would not be able to host the games and fun.

Lastly, I want to personally take this time to thank the "team" of individuals that make up the carnival planning committee. These individuals are wonderfully, self-directed people, who truly work their tails off to produce a top notch carnival for the students at Adams. It is a pleasure to work with the entire committee and a wonderful experience culminating in a very fulfilling end product. Everyone on the committee should be commended for a job well done and should take pride in the results of your hard work.

I sincerely hope that I have mentioned everyone who has helped make the 2005 Adams Carnival such a success and apologize if I have missed someone. We are so lucky to have such a strongly supported school and appreciate all the good that people do to help our children lead happy and productive student lives.

JENNIFER FOSGITT

Midland

## **Show an honor for Riverside residents**

### **To the editor:**

The residents and staff of Riverside Place enjoyed a fabulous Prom Fashion Show on May 7, thanks to the members of Dow High School's National Honor Society. The students planned and executed an impressive event including descriptive commentaries on each model and delightful refreshments following the fashion show. We are especially grateful to After Hours Formalwear at Midland Mall for graciously providing the handsome tuxedos for the young men.

Thank you to each student who participated. Your warm smiles and lovely attire provided a special and memorable afternoon for us!

THE STAFF AND RESIDENTS

OF RIVERSIDE PLACE

Midland

## **Foster parents wonderful**

### **To the editor:**

May is National Foster Care Month. The Forth-Second Circuit Court-Family Division would like to publicly express our appreciation to the court foster parents. Our foster parents share their homes and lives with teenagers and younger children from our community who are experiencing difficulties at home.

As a community we are very fortunate to have these parents who truly care about making a difference in a child's life, a difference that will last a lifetime. Our foster parents come from all walks of life. Some of our foster parents are single and do not have children of their own. Other foster parents have already raised a family. Other foster parents are raising their children while doing foster care. These families have busy schedules and commitments, but their priority is helping teenagers have a brighter future. Our foster parents know the true meaning of community and provide inspiration for all of us everyday.

Thank you Rachel and Gail, Kym, John and Barb, Paul and Janine, Penny, Pam and Randy, Dora and Dave, Amber and Neil, Teresa and John, Pam and Ken, Colleen, Pam and Bo, Stacey and Steve, Trena and Erwin, Carol and Mark, Becky and Steve, Andrea and Melissa, Troy and Lisa! You are the reason we have a successful foster care program.

MICHELE M. BELL

Midland

## **Juries uniquely American**

### **To the editor:**

The Michigan Supreme Court recently declared May as Juror Appreciation Month. Your local judiciary would like to take this opportunity to thank the many citizens who have been called to service and graciously offered their time and efforts to the judicial system.

Jury service is a uniquely American responsibility of citizenship. Few civic activities provide such a direct contact with our democracy as does jury service, through which the community participates in the delivery of justice. Justice William H. Rehnquist has emphasized that "juries represent laymen's common sense and keep the administration of law in accord with the feelings of the community."

Thomas Jefferson, drafter of the Declaration of Independence and third president of the United States stated, "I consider trial by jury as the only anchor ever yet imagined by man, by which a government can be held to the principles of its constitution."

Juror Appreciation Month, as stated by Michigan Chief Justice Clifford W. Taylor, is our opportunity "to those who answer the call to jury service, and to remind everyone that the jury system is at the heart of our justice system."

We recognize that while service is a privilege, it is also often inconvenient. We truly appreciate the contribution of the many Midland County citizens who serve on our juries.

Once again, your local judiciary thanks you.

The Midland County Judicial Council

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